

Purple Pages

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Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

This week the children have been involved in British Science Week. The week started with an assembly from Mike who is an architect. He talked to the children about how science relates to his everyday work. Throughout the week the children focussed on scientists related to their science theme of the term with Year 1 focussing on Chester Greenwood linked to their materials topic, Year 2 looking at the work of Agnes Arber linked to their plants topic and Year 4 investigating the work of Nikola Tesla linked to their electricity work. On Thursday the children had another STEM ambassador visit with Matthew presenting his work on the COVID vaccinations and lego models. The week culminated with our STEM fair where we had over 50 entries - thank you for all of your support in helping the children to create such impressive projects. We had entries ranging from potato power to water clocks and circuit boards. A huge thanks to Miss Scriven for organising the whole week.

Last week saw the end of our book week, this year's book fair raised a grand total of £1111.74 thank you to everyone who supported this and as a result children will have the opportunity to choose a range of books for their classroom book corners.

Next week we are looking forward to our Dance Umbrella performances on Tuesday and our Mini Police Trip to the Wilfred Fuller dog training centre.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for your Diary

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 28 & 30 March | Parents' Evenings |
| 30 March | Easter Services at St. John's Church 9am: Reception & B Classes. 2pm: A Classes |
| 31 March | PTA Non-Uniform Day, Cake Sale & After-School Event |
| 3-14 April | Easter Holidays |
| 17 April | INSET Day |

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM



"Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Easter Holiday Clubs

**West Pennard
Primary School**

Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th April
9-3pm or extend to 4pm

**Shepton Mallet
Infants School**

Tues 11th - Fri 14th April
9-3pm or extend to 4pm

**St Johns
Primary School
Midsomer Norton**

Tues 11th - Fri 14th April
9-3pm



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Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: 6B

Doodle Tables: 4B

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

| | Star of the Week | Star Readers |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Acorns | Aubrie Hugh | - - |
| Ash class | Sam | Riley |
| Birch class | Mackenzie | Myla |
| Chestnut class | Aoife | Albie |
| Elm class | Dorothy | Reuben |
| Hazel class | Jack D | Dilly |
| Holly class | Grayson | Charlie |
| Maple class | Jacob | Alfie |
| Oak class | Poppy | Sid |
| Pine class | Seb | Josh A |
| Rowan class | Amelie | Josh C |
| Sycamore class | Lottie | Rebecca |
| Willow class | Ozzie | Alex |

The Times table Challenge has started!

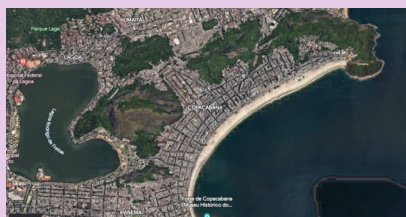
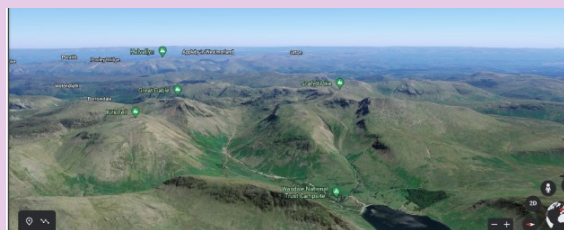
You can access 10 minute sessions between March 8th and 26th.

For access and more details, please go to: www.timestablechallenge.com

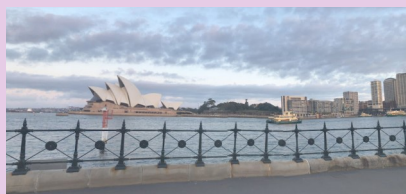
Citizenship and Character Award

Thomas in year 6 was able to tick off an activity from the 'Global Me' strand when he visited the Lake District on Google Earth.

Thomas has inspired me to do some of my own virtual travelling, so this week I have visited...



Copacobana Beach in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and ...



Sydney Harbour in Australia.

This is a really nice activity which you can do on a rainy, cold day! Why don't you give it a go this weekend! You can tell your teacher all about your virtual travels on Monday.
From Ms Banwell



Reading in Year 1

During Book Week Year 1 had the pleasure of visiting Midsomer Norton Library!

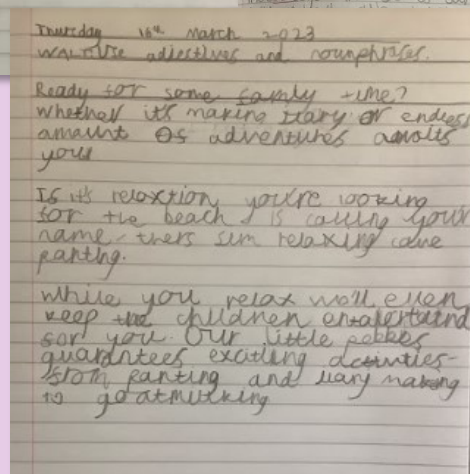
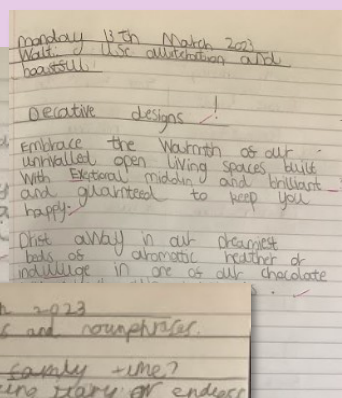
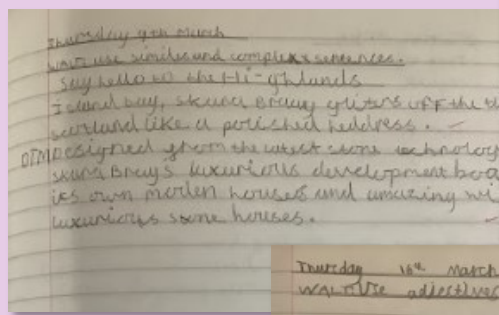
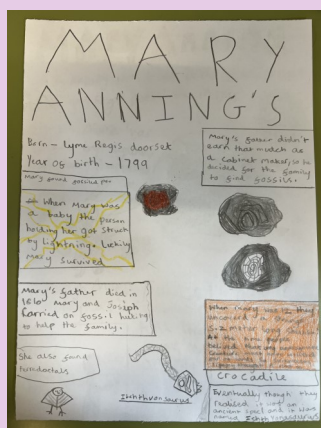
While we were there, we were lucky enough to have two stories read to us by the lovely staff. Afterwards we had time to browse and to choose a book each to borrow and take back to school. We are looking forward to visiting again next term.

Also, during this week we were visited by some of our fantastic grown ups who read us some amazing stories such as 'The Book with No Pictures' and 'The Amazing Min'.



Learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3, carrying on from our amazing Science Fair, we have looked at fossil-hunting scientist, Mary Anning. The children loved learning about the 'curiosities' she found on the beach in Lyme Regis and collected interesting facts about the famous scientist. Many children were able to link Mary Anning to our current science topic - Rocks - and talk about how the rocks the fossils would have been found in were sedimentary rocks.

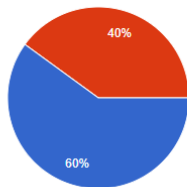


Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all of our parents who responded to the parent questionnaire sent out before February half term. Unfortunately we only received 10 responses, all of which were overwhelmingly positive. We will resend the questionnaire out later in the year and hope to receive more parent views on life at St John's.

My child is happy at this school.

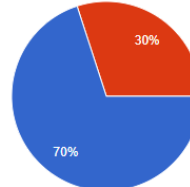
10 responses



● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree

My child feels safe at this school.

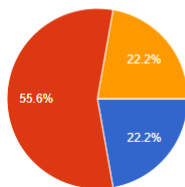
10 responses



● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

9 responses

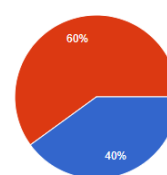


● I have not raised any concerns with the school
● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree

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The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

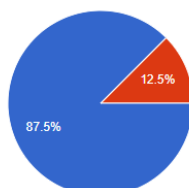
10 responses



● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree

If Yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

8 responses



● My child does not have SEND
● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree

I would recommend this school to another parent.

10 responses



● Yes
● No

There were some questions raised regarding parents knowing what the children are learning and what we do as a school for the children's personal development. Please see below some information to support you in answering these questions in the future.

Informing parents of the children's learning

An overview is sent out at the start of the academic year which shows what the children are learning each term in each subject. This is saved on the school website should anyone wish to access it later in the year.

Our Nursery and Reception classes send home weekly newsletters detailing what has been taught that week.

Weekly newsletters are sent out to the whole school which year groups take in turns to contribute to the learning and reading sections.

Facebook is updated with current learning and events.

Continued...



Parent Survey Results Cont...

Personal Development at St John's

Character and Citizenship Award

Social, moral, spiritual, cultural (SMSC) overview - this can be found on the website

Whole Class THRIVE action plans and termly THRIVE time

Individual THRIVE action plans

Pupil wellbeing champions who meet regularly to share strategies and feedback to classes.

SMSC overview

Jigsaw PSHE taught weekly - an overview of what the children are learning can be found on the website.

3 specialist wellbeing rooms; Blossom Room, The Nest and The Sunshine Room

Trained THRIVE practitioners

Trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)

Forest School sessions for all children

Whole school assembly themes to promote and support SEMH (Social, emotional, mental health)

Circle time sessions

Annual workshops, events and assemblies run by NSPCC and other outside agencies

A comprehensive range of health and sporting activities across the curriculum and in after school clubs.

Well Done to Mabel!

Mabel competed in the National Biathlon Championships on Sunday, with other children who had qualified from all over the country. The Biathlon event consists of a run and a swim event. The run was extremely competitive with some of the fastest runners across the country taking part. Mabel had a fantastic run, placing 33rd out of 78 year 3 girls and an excellent swim which placed her 52nd overall out of 78 girls who were competing. She represented St John's excellently and we look forward to next year, where Mabel and other students will hopefully qualify again for the National Championships.



RE & Cookery in Acorns Class

This term in RE Acorns are exploring why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden. After going on a hunt around school to find different crosses, this week we made cheese straw crosses. We started by making the pastry, adding cheese and using cross cutters to make some large and some small ones. They were delicious!



British Science Week

We have had a fantastic British Science Week at St John's! We have had many activities and events throughout the week which we hope have inspired the students to take on Science at home, including our wonderful STEM fair Thursday. We were astounded by the number of amazing entries. The children had put so much effort into their projects and it was clear that they had learnt so much in doing so. Thank you to those parents and carers at home who helped in any way. There were several winners announced in Friday's celebration assembly.



Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Jasper from Acorns for passing his recent grading with Jamie Woodlands Black Belt Academy.



Josh in Year 3, earned 2 certificates this week in his climbing class—well done Josh!

His mum says he absolutely loves climbing!



Rotakids Food Bank



As many of you are already aware, the Rotakids are collecting food donations for a local food bank. We will be delivering these donations on Monday 27th March and we have chosen the Salvation Army as the recipient. We are so grateful for the donations that have come in so far (we think the donations of Easter eggs will be particularly appreciated by children in our community!). If you would still like to contribute, the donation box will be outside the main school office until Monday 27th March.

Many thanks from the Rotakids



School Council and Earth Day

On Friday 21st April, we will be celebrating Earth Day at St. John's. The theme for this year's Earth Day is 'Invest in our planet.' In the spirit of this, the school council have decided that they would like our school community to 'adopt' an endangered animal through the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF).

Therefore, as a whole school, we have hosted a vote to decide upon which animal we would most like to support. It is with much excitement that we can now announce that the winner of our vote is the ... amur leopard!



The amur leopard is losing its habitat due to logging, forest fires and urban development. As a result, there are now only 70-120 left in the whole world... this is why we need to protect them.

It costs £3 a month to adopt an amur leopard, so we are hoping that we can raise £36 to adopt one for a whole year. In order to raise this money, the school council will be holding a cake sale after school on Earth Day. We warmly welcome you to purchase a cake, which will cost 50p. Also, if you are happy to donate cakes for this event, that would be greatly appreciated too.

Please watch this space for more information about this amazing initiative!

From the School Council






U8'S GIRLS TEAM

Was your daughter inspired by the England Lionesses this summer?
Is she in school years 2 or 3?
We want her to join our brand new U8's football team...

SATURDAYS 10:30AM

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

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Tuesday 4 April:
Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.

Wednesday 5 April:
Easter Gardens



Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story!

Thursday 6 April:
Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 20 March



For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 March

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 22 March

Boy Giant Sand Sculpture
Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

Art in the Library - Murmurs from Nature, Reflections in Print
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 29 March

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 21 March
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 23 March

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 20 March

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 22 March

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

